## 2008R-526 RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

## By Goodman

## Establishing an Animal Care & Control Advisory Board.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis benefits from the involvement of its residents; and

Whereas, Animal Care & Control provides high quality services to city residents and responds to over 16,000 requests for service dealing with domestic animals and wildlife each year; and

Whereas, Animal Care & Control rescues injured animals and strays, investigates animal bites, declares dangerous animals, and works to prevent dog fighting and animal cruelty to protect the public's health and safety; and

Whereas, Animal Care & Control adopts close to 500 animals a year, works with rescue organizations, treats sick and injured animals, and returns lost pets to their owners;

Whereas, Animal Care & Control partners with other local agencies, including the Animal Humane Society and law enforcement, to protect all members of families, both two-legged and four-legged; and

Whereas, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control needs assistance to effectively work in the areas of public education and outreach to raise the profile of the program and to reach more constituencies; and

Whereas, such involvement with the animal community to expand education and outreach efforts should increase general awareness of Animal Care & Control's staff, facilities and mission; and

Whereas, this exposure should increase the number of licensed animals and decrease the number of aggressive animal incidents in the City of Minneapolis;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis hereby creates the Animal Care & Control Advisory Board with the following details:

1. *Purpose*: To advise and assist the Minneapolis Animal Care & Control on the development of animal-related policies and decision-making processes, burgeoning community issues related to animals, and public education and outreach efforts

2. Number of Members: 11

3. Term Length: 2 years

4. Term Limits: None

5. Compensation: None

- 6. Public Hearings held for City of Minneapolis open appointments process: No
- 7. Minneapolis Residency Requirement: No
- 8. Selection Procedure:
- a. Members will be appointed using the City's open appointments process and selected by the Managers of Animal Care & Control and approved by the Assistant City Coordinator of Regulatory Services or their designee;
  - b. Members will be selected to represent the following categories:

Local Animal-Related Business Owners Rescue Organizations Non-Profit Organizations Veterinarians Urban Farmers Animal-Related Media Residents

- c. Members will be appointed no later than January 31, 2009.
- 9. Selection of officers: Chair and any other officers shall be selected by the 11 board members.
- 10. Meeting Schedule: Board will meet at a minimum of once per quarter each calendar year.
- 11. Attendance Requirements: Three (2) unexcused absences from regular meetings during a calendar year may result in termination of membership.
  - 12. Department: Convened, facilitated and staffed by the Animal Care & Control.

- 13. Reporting: Periodic reports shall be submitted to the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee.
  - 14. Sunset. No sunset provision is established for this advisory board.

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